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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND
CLAIMS MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Amendments to paragraph 1:

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US00/04786, filed on February 25, 2000,
which ~~This application~~ claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos.
60/121,669 and 60/121,670, both filed on February 25, 1999, the disclosures of which are
incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

Amendments to existing claims:

3. (Amended) The positively charged microporous membrane of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the crosslinked coating comprises a crosslinked polyamine.
5. (Amended) The positively charged microporous membrane of ~~any of claims 1-4~~, claim 1, wherein the crosslinked coating includes a diallylamine copolymer.
6. (Amended) The positively charged microporous membrane of ~~any of claims 1-4~~, claim 1, wherein the crosslinked coating includes an acrylic copolymer.
7. (Amended) The positively charged microporous membrane of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the crosslinked coating is prepared by crosslinking a composition comprising a diallylamine copolymer having epoxy groups and pendant positively charged groups, a polyalkyleneamine, and an amine reactive compound having a positively charged group.